

SEA PALLING & WAXHAM PARISH COUNCIL

TRAINING POLICY

The Parish Council is committed to training its staff and members. It recognises that well trained and informed officers promote good practice in its organisation and increase and encourage the activities for community work and enjoyment within its membership. As a voluntary organisation the Parish Council values the time given by its members to their community and this policy is aimed at maximising the rewards from that time by ensuring that its members understand and enjoy the role they undertake in their community.

- The Parish Council will encourage its officers to attend training meetings and pay expenses arising from such training. The training offered to its officers will be no less than the minimum requirement of Continuous Professional Development required by the Institute of Society of Local Council Clerks.
- The Parish Council will encourage all of its members to attend training meetings and pay expenses arising from such training.
- The Parish Council will ensure that all of its new members receive adequate training at the earliest opportunity in their term of office. Training will include matters relating to Audit and Financial management as required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2006.
- The Parish Council will maintain a library of current publications on books offering advice concerning all aspects of local government.
- The Parish Council is committed to offering support to its local area Parish Councils.
- The Parish Council is committed to networking with other councils, as it sees this as an effective means of information gathering.
- Contracts of employment and job descriptions given to staff members will include details of the Parish Council's commitment to training. Officers are encouraged to maintain membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks which provides ongoing training for its officer members.
- The Parish Council has a commitment to membership of the Norfolk Association of Parish and Town Councils recognising that it is a lead provider of training for Councillors and Officers.
- The Parish Council has a commitment for its Clerk to be a member of the Society of Local Council Clerks recognising that it is a lead provider in training of Officers. This commitment extends to the Clerk's membership of the Institute of Local Council membership and to the CPD required to maintain membership of the Institute.

- The Parish Council will ensure that training for both Officers and Members is adequately covered as an item in the annual budget; that membership fees for the Association and the Society are included in the budget.